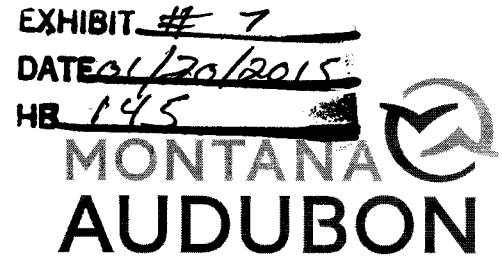


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My name is Jake Troyer and I'm representing Montana Audubon.

Our mission is to promote appreciation, knowledge and conservation of Montana's native birds, other wildlife, and natural ecosystems to safeguard biological diversity for current and future generations.

We are supporting House Bill 145 for the following reasons:

1. Montana Audubon supports the grizzly and wolf management programs being fully funded, implemented and successful, as it relates to the Livestock Loss Board, especially for non-lethal measures when possible.
2. It is critical that carnivore and livestock confrontations are prevented beforehand. We feel that adequate funding needs to go towards these preventative and non-lethal measures to help avert conflicts between wildlife and livestock. This bill would help to do that when it comes to wildlife and livestock clashes.

We strongly urge the committee to pass this legislation and move it to the floor of the House.

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